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KING OF PRUSSIA, PA—On Sunday, March 29, 2009, Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) spoke to a crowd of 250 at the 2nd Annual Pathways to the Stars Auction and Art Show in King of Prussia. The show benefited the more than 6,000 women, children, and families that PathWays PA helps each year as they strive to move from poverty to self-sufficiency. Over 25 regional artists presented original works of art for sale and auction.

“I want to congratulate PathWays PA for 30 years of service to women, children, and families throughout the 7th Congressional District and the Greater Philadelphia region,” Congressman Sestak said. “I want to thank this great organization for arranging to help low-income persons file income tax returns, and I am thrilled they’re on target to complete returns for nearly 1,000 filers this tax season. I am very pleased that again they will be utilizing my District Office in Media as one of their tax preparation sites.”

“PathWays PA has touched thousands of lives in its history and has made a lasting impact by moving the families out of poverty and into the mainstream of our economy,” the Congressman continued. “This is particularly important during difficult economic times because a recession hits the poor with much greater ferocity than it does the financially secure.”

PathWays PA was founded in 1978 as the Women’s Association for Women’s Alternatives. It served as one of Pennsylvania’s first residential programs to keep low-income, vulnerable women together with their children and has grown to become one of the Greater Philadelphia Region’s foremost providers of residential and community-based services for women, children and families. Each year over 6,000 women, children, and families benefit from their full complement of social services; job training and employment assistance; as well as outreach and residential programs as they move along the path to self-sufficiency. With offices throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania and advocacy initiatives on behalf of low-wage workers statewide, PathWays PA provides programs committed to the development of client self-sufficiency which leads to the fulfillment of its mission: To help women, teens, children, and families achieve economic independence and family well-being.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of “Deep Blue,” the Navy’s anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the “Global War on Terrorism.” He served as President Clinton’s Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from

Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.